



Australian Institute of
Administrative Law

2012 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW CONFERENCE

Integrity in Administrative Decision Making

**Thursday 19 & Friday 20 July, 2012
National Wine Centre, Corner of Botanic and Hackney Roads
Adelaide, SA**

The Australian Institute of Administrative Law (AIAL) National Administrative Law Conference is Australia's pre-eminent administrative law conference, having been held each year since 1991. The aim of the Conference is to provide an opportunity for those involved in administrative law to discuss contemporary issues, share practical experiences, and consider future developments. The 2012 Conference will be hosted by the South Australian Chapter of the Institute.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The Conference will commence at 1.00pm on Thursday 19 July 2012 and conclude at 4.30pm on Friday 20 July 2012. All Conference sessions and the Conference dinner will be held at the National Wine Centre, corner of Botanic and Hackney Roads, Adelaide, SA.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

All papers will be made available to Conference participants at the close of proceedings on Friday 20 July 2012. Speakers will therefore be expected to submit a written copy of their paper for publication by early July. Papers may later be made available on the Institute's website and related websites. Selected papers may also be published in the Institute's quarterly journal, *AIAL Forum*.

ADJUNCT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DISPLAYS

The 2012 Conference will be attended by a diverse audience of practitioners, policy makers and decision makers. Please contact the AIAL secretariat (aial@commercemgt.com.au) for assistance in planning an adjunct meeting, or to discuss a conference display.

The Conference will provide a stimulating mixture of practical sessions and more reflective and thought-provoking presentations. The Conference will include a review of the state of administrative law in the Commonwealth, States and Territories. The Institute encourages contributions on the Conference themes but is also interested in finding space for those with fresh perspectives or ideas not reflected in the suggested range of topics in the Call for Papers.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference theme is integrity in administrative decision making. The organisers' intention is to revisit the concept of the fourth arm of government, the integrity branch, discussed by the Honourable James J Spigelman AC in the *AIAL National Lecture Series on Administrative Law No. 2* delivered for the Institute in 2004 (available through the AIAL website at: <http://www.aial.org.au/Publications/PubNatLecSeriesAdminLaw.html>).



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The Conference will provide an opportunity to consider the practical and theoretical aspects of the concept of integrity in administrative law.

The organisers are seeking expressions of interest from people wishing to deliver a paper at the Conference. There are many ways in which the concept of integrity can be examined including:

- Existing mechanisms that promote integrity;
- Reforms that may be desirable to promote integrity;
- Relationships between members of the integrity branch, such as Auditors-General, Ombudsmen and others, and the executive government and the Parliament;
- Monitoring the integrity branch;
- Integrity issues in judicial review and merits review;
- Ethical issues for politicians, public servants and officers, judges and tribunal members;
- The contextual nature of integrity - integrity may mean different things for different decision makers, including tribunal members, public servants and statutory office holders.
- Integrity and local government;
- Integrity and outsourcing of public services;

In addition to addressing these and related issues, the Conference will review the state of administrative law in the Commonwealth, States and Territories, and recent developments in administrative law. The Conference organisers welcome suggestions as to other topics for discussion.

CONTACT DETAILS

For enquiries about the program, or to discuss a proposal to present a paper, please contact: Michael Wait, c/o Crown Solicitor's Office (SA), on (08) 8207 1703 or Megan Philpot, c/o Ombudsman SA, on 82268699.

Please send written proposals by Friday 9 March 2012 by email to: wait.michael@agd.sa.gov.au.

It is intended that registration brochures will be available in May 2012 and will be sent to all AIAL members and published on the AIAL website at: <http://law.anu.edu.au/aial/>.